GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4692
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2000
EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ardhagram colliery under E.C.L. has stopped its production;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to restart the said colliery ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (b) : Yes, Sir. The coal production in Ardhagram Open Cast Colliery has beensuspended due to unreasonable demands of land losers beyond prescribed norms of the company and their continued militant agitation.

(c) ECL has since been negotiating with theland owners within the perview of the recommendations of the Tripartite Committee formed on 29.12.95, comprising of land losers, local panchayat and ECL. ECL wants to extract the balance reserve of the mine.